



TRIANGLE SQUARES

Newsletter

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Square dance season started off in September with our open houses and lots of promotion. Here is a photo of some of your Executive Committee members attending the **Church-Wellesley Neighbourhood Association *Meet Your Neighbours*** event in Barbara Hall Park. Can't remember if the day was coolish, balmy, or seasonal.



Here's part of the contingent that went to the T&D season opener **Joint Dance in Peterborough**, Oct 5. These jaunts help to promote our own club dances and Fly-in. Our recognizable clubs shirts, designed by Colleen, always make a splash.

We had our annual **Halloween dance** at The 519 on Halloween night. Despite the threatening weather, the dance was well attended. After the dance, Church Street (which had been blocked off for pedestrians) was almost as lively as

during the Pride festivities. Kudos to our new dancers -- I believe most came out. And kudos to Barry for calling and keeping us entertained with singing calls like *Monster Mash* and *Ghostbusters*. Because we were crashing the Basic class night, I scheduled every second tip as class-level Basic. That seemed reasonable. It only occurred to me as I was watching Barry how creative he had to be to keep things varied and interesting after only a few weeks of Basic class. Luckily we have one of the greats in our club who can pull that off. And kudos to those wearing costumes.



Here's another group shot, this time from the **Joint T&D Dance in Niagara Falls** on Nov 2.

As part of the festivities, **Colleen** was presented with one of the first Toronto & District Recognition of Merit awards. This is presented by



the Association in recognition of outstanding service given by individuals within their own clubs. Congratulations to Colleen for that -- her name was a natural for the nomination. In addition to her volunteer work at Triangle Squares, she is well-recognized at regional clubs and dances.

And, as if that wasn't enough, Colleen was also celebrating one of those milestone birthdays. She travelled with her three daughters to Niagara Falls, rented an Airbnb house, and hosted a celebratory dinner, which was attended by many Triangle Squares dancers.



Lots more photos of these and other happenings in our [Flickr group](#). Feel free to add your own photos, or send them to me and I'll add them. Social media publicity lives on photos.

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SUNGLASSES FOR GUATEMALA

by Colleen Dodds

As many of you know, this past August, I once again had the privilege of going on a humanitarian trip to work with an indigenous Mayan community in Guatemala. My part was to run a near-vision clinic (to distribute reading glasses), at the Xela Aid Clinic in San Martine Chiquito. Last May I asked our dancers if they could donate any new or used sunglasses, as they help prevent early-onset glaucoma and cataracts in these agricultural people who live at

8,000 feet above sea level, where the ozone layer is very thin, and grinding poverty prevents eye care. Triangle Squares: Your response was overwhelming! I took down an extra carry bag with about 6 dozen pairs of sunglasses. Everyone was delighted, and as you can see, from the little babies, through the "cool dude" teens, and up to the adult women, there were sunglasses for everyone. Thank you one and all. I'm honoured to dance among you.



SQUARE DANCE TIPS & TRICKS – No. 101

by Nancy Deadman

Every dance starts with Squaring Up, and here are a few pointers to best get you on your way...

- As the music starts, set up squares promptly and join the nearest square, without walking through the middle of the square
- Raise your hand if your square isn't full, so the caller can guide dancers to your square
- Once in a square, don't leave it
- Introduce yourself at the beginning of the tip (if you have time) and thank everyone at the end

Stay tuned for more helpful hints...

WHAT'S AHEAD

Here's what's on the calendar in the coming weeks:

- **AGM**, Wed **Nov 13**, Jesse Ketchum, 8:00 pm, followed by general dancing. Please bring issues for discussion.
- Annual **Holiday dance & pot luck dinner**, **Dec 1**, at 45 Carlton Street. Don St. Jean will be hosting and calling. [flyer](#)
- **New Years Eve dinner and dance**, hosted by Aaron Goodman and the Arrowhead Squares, Etobicoke, **Dec 31** [flyer](#) (pre-registration required for dinner)

Our [Calendar](#) cross-lists select IAGSDC Fly-Ins and regional Toronto & District dances.

Notice of AGM

The Triangle Squares **Annual General Meeting** will be held Wednesday, **Nov 13**, 8:00 pm, at Jesse Ketchum School. Here are links to the [Financial Statement](#) and [Minutes from Last Year](#). All-levels dancing will follow. Please attend. There will be an opportunity to raise any issues you feel may be relevant to the club as a whole. There will also be elections for three positions: President, Secretary, and Publicity. We encourage everyone interested to volunteer. If you wish to find out more about what's involved, please [contact the Executive](#), or speak to one of the co-Presidents (Nancy & Joanne). New executive members with new ideas are always welcome and necessary for the long-term success of the club.

Contributors

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We welcome contributions of photos or a feature article. Send them to the club's Publicity Coordinator:
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